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FOREBODINGS INCREASE AS THE SAAR PLEBISCITE APPROACHES POLICE PATROLS ORDERED OUT TO-DAY



Miss Christina Fong and Mr. George Bulky Lau were married yesterday at the Union Church, Kennedy Road. (King's Studio).

SHIP-OWNERS TO HAVE SAME PRIVILEGES

Sun Nam Hoi's Owner
Makes Amendment

SPECIAL MEETING TO-MORROW TO DECIDE ISSUE

"As the owner of the s.s. Sun Nam Hoi had been allowed to make a few slight amendments to two clauses in the agreement drawn up by the China Coast Officers' Guild, those who have not yet signed and who are also clients of Mr. Peter H. Sin will automatically be granted the same privilege," stated Captain W. E. Kirby, Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, to the Sunday Herald yesterday morning.

Mr. Sin's clients have already definitely instructed him not to sign the agreement, but they are willing to pay the Arbitration Award scale. A special meeting will be held to-morrow to discuss whether to sign the agreement or not.

SPINNERS ASSN. IN LANCASHIRE

Scheme For New
Formation
Dropped

London, Yesterday.

Owing to the failure to secure sufficient support from individual firms, the scheme announced on October 9 last, for the formation of a new Spinners' Association in Lancashire, in view of the reduction in costs and the elimination of competition, has been abandoned.

The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations has decided to concentrate on a plan for scrapping surplus spindles.—Reuter.

PRINCE HENRY IN NEW ZEALAND

North Island Tour
Completed

London, Yesterday.

H. R. H. the Duke of Gloucester ended his tour of the North Island of New Zealand and returned to Wellington late last evening.

He sailed in the Cruiser "Australia" at daylight to-day for Picton, in South Island.—British Wireless Service.

TROOPS IN READINESS FOR EVENTUALITIES

ANTI-NAZI GROUPS HOPE TO
SCORE "STATUS QUO" VOTE

CATHOLIC GROUPS JOIN OPPOSITION

A WEEK TO-DAY WILL BE HELD THE
PLEBISCITE, WHICH WILL DETERMINE
WHETHER THE SAAR IS TO BECOME AN IN-
TEGRAL PART OF GERMANY OR OF
FRANCE.

Thanks to its rich deposits of coal and iron, its value to the country that finally gains it is obvious, and both sides are putting out their utmost efforts to ensure a victory at the polls.

The majority of the inhabitants of the district are of German blood and German sympathies, yet it is by no means certain that the voting will return the Saar to Germany. Amongst its population are to be found a considerable number of Socialists and Communists, who are bitterly opposed to the Nazi regime, and with these the Catholics, who fear the destruction of their religious organisation if the Saar becomes German, have joined hands.

"STATUS QUO" HOPES

Their hope is that their joint vote will be sufficiently strong to prevent either France or Germany from gaining the Saar, and that it will thus remain under its present international control.

A message from Saarbrücken late yesterday stated that uneasy forebodings are steadily pervading the whole of the population as the plebiscite approaches. The uneasy calm of the past few days is only maintainable by the use of superhuman tact and firmness on the part of the International Police Force.

Nobody expects a vote in favour of unity with France, hence the Socialists and Communists, fearing themselves to be in the shadow of proscription, or perhaps even of the concentration camp, are fighting tooth and nail for the status quo in preference to union with Germany.

THEY HAVE BEEN JOINED BY A NUMBER OF CATHOLICS WHO FEAR THAT HITLERISM WILL DESTROY THEIR RELIGIOUS ORGANISATION. PREMONITORY SYMPTOMS ARE THE FRENCH PREPARATIONS TO RECEIVE AN INFLUX OF EMIGRE CONSEQUENT UPON THE NAZI WARNING THAT THEY WILL TRY FOR HIGH TREASON ANY NON-PERMANENT RESIDENTS IN THE SAAR WHO OPPOSED TO THE NAZIS.

All local police and gendarmerie will be on duty to-day equipped with fast cars and lorries in order to separate rival mass meetings of United-Frontists and German-Frontists, which, as a further precaution, will be held at different times and on opposite sides of the river. All uniforms and flags have been banned.

BALLOT SECRECY

"The result of the Plebiscite on January 13 will not be known until January 15.

The most stringent measures to ensure the secrecy of the ballot will be taken. Each polling station will be controlled by a foreigner and each voter will seal the paper envelope, and hand it to the presiding officer, who will re-enclose it in another envelope before dropping it into an urn.

The total electorate numbers 540,000, and speculation at present centres on the size

WEATHER FORECAST

The anticyclone is unchanged, pressure being highest to the north of Shantung; the depression, which is now of great intensity, remains to the north-east of Hokkaido. The local forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory last night, was north-east winds, fresh; clouds generally.

of the status quo vote, which optimistic non-Nazis say will be 200,000, as contrasted with the 50,000 claimed for the enthusiastic pro-Hitlerites.

The police authorities have instructed the troops to act with the utmost discretion, to be prepared, but to remain, as far as possible, out of sight.—Reuter.



This photograph was taken after the wedding of Miss Betty Wang and Mr. Yu Chieh Shun yesterday. (King's Studio).

RELIEF IN U.S.

Roosevelt In
Conference

ESTIMATE MADE OF
FUNDS NEEDED

Washington, Yesterday.

President Roosevelt, with seven senators and six representatives, held a three-hour conference in the President's study to-day.

They whipped the Government's new work-relief programme into shape for immediate administration, and it was estimated that U.S.\$80,000,000 would be required to meet immediate relief needs, some of which would probably be transferred from existing unexpended appropriations.

They planned to taper off the present emergency relief work as quickly as possible and to transfer any of the funds remaining to the new programme.

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ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT SURPRISES

REPUBLICANS LAUD
CONTENTS

Borah Favours Dole
Elimination

Washington, Earlier.

Surprise has been created by President Roosevelt's address to the Senate, in view of the fact that it contains no estimate of the cost of the far-reaching plans submitted.

The Democrats naturally praise the tone and contents of the message, while the Republicans are more cautious in their comments. Senator William E. Borah, however, wholeheartedly approves the President's recommendation for the elimination of the dole.

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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE GAINS MIXED VERDICT

"Moral Exhortation
And Tonic Appeal"

"LEADERSHIP AT ITS BEST
AND ITS WORST"

New York, Yesterday.

President Roosevelt's message to Congress is hailed by the "New York Times" as a message of moral exhortation to the country, and a tonic appeal to every individual citizen.

The "Herald Tribune" declares that the message exhibits the President's leadership at its best, and worst. It is admirably and encouragingly phrased in every item of generality, while it is depressingly vague in almost every detail of action and execution.—Reuter.



The Navy practically won the Triangular Rugby Tournament yesterday when they beat the Club by 11 points to 8 in their return encounter. Perhaps the brilliant Navy scrum-half, is here seen standing immediately behind No. 15 during half time. (King's Studio).

THE PRO. TENNIS MUDDLE

PIRACY PLANNED OFF
SHANGHAI COAST

10 Pirates Leave For North

A party of ten pirates recently left the Blas Bay area and proceeded to Shanghai with the object of committing a piracy on a ship leaving that port.

According to the Police it is said that when the ship is pirated it will be taken to Chiloé Point. No further details are available.

Singapore Secrecy

Foreigners To
Be Kept Out

SERVICEMEN NOT
ALLOWED TO LAND

Singapore, Yesterday.

No soldier, sailor, or airman in the service of a foreign power, is allowed to land within the port of Singapore from any foreign warship, or transport, without the permission of the Government, according to the new port rules, which apply to all vessels holding a 100 service men.

The only exemption made is in the case of officers on ceremonial visit.—Reuter.

\$4,000,000,000 FOR
PUBLIC WORKS

Roosevelt's Demand
From Congress

WORK FOR 3,500,000

Washington, Yesterday.

President Roosevelt intends to ask Congress to provide U.S.\$4,000,000,000 for big public works schemes which are being planned to provide employment for 3,500,000 men, according to an authoritative source.—Reuter.

U.S. SALARY CUTS
TO CONTINUE

Roosevelt's Decision

Washington, Yesterday.

President Roosevelt is continuing the five per cent cut in the salaries of federal employees another six months.—Reuter.

BILL O'BRIEN
STANDS BY HIS
STATEMENTS

HELEN JACOB'S BAIT
RAISED

"MRS. WHITTINGSTALL
HAS ACCEPTED"

New York, Yesterday.

Despite denials by all the three players concerned, Bill O'Brien, professional tennis manager of "Big Bill" Tilden's Circus, maintains that his original statement regarding Fred Perry, Helen Jacobs, and Mrs. Fearnley Whittingstall (nee Eileen Bennett) is true.

He now states that Helen Jacobs, America's leading lady player and 1934 Wimbledon finalist, turned down the offer of U.S.\$15,000, but that it had now been increased to U.S.\$20,000.

He adds that Mrs. Whittingstall has accepted, despite the fact that the British ace says she has refused the offer.—Reuter.

YESTERDAY'S SENSATION

A sensation was caused yesterday when O'Brien announced that Perry had asked him to have the U.S.\$40,000 contract ready for him to sign in San Francisco next month. Perry later denied all knowledge of the contract, and said he would not turn professional without first consulting the Lawn Tennis Association.

Mrs. Fearnley Whittingstall was said to have accepted a U.S.\$10,000 offer, thus causing Helen Jacobs to waver in her decision, but later said she would never dream of forsaking her amateur status.

STOP PRESS

Home Rugby Scores

London, Yesterday.

The following were the results of the leading Rugby Union games played to-day:

Llanelli 8, Cardiff 3.
Herefordians 8, Walsworthians 8.
Stewartonians 6 Glasgow Accs. 15.

—Reuter.

Rome, yesterday.—At the conclusion of this afternoon's Italo-French discussions, M. Pierre Laval, French Foreign Minister, went to the French Embassy reception at 6:30 p.m.—Reuter.

Rome, later.—The Central European Pact has been completed and has been communicated to the German Government.—Reuter.

HAUPTMANN TRIAL

LINDBERGH AND
NOT BABY WAS
INTENDED VICTIM

SENSATION IN
COURT

Defence Counsel's
New Angle

HOUSEHOLD DOUBTS

Flemington, Yesterday.

Yesterday's hearing of the case of Bruno Hauptmann, the German carpenter, who is on trial for his life in connection with the kidnapping and death of the infant son of Colonel Lindbergh, the famous American airman, was chiefly occupied by the examination and cross-examination of Colonel Lindbergh, who was in the witness-box for an hour and a half.

Counsel for the defence made the startling suggestion that Colonel Lindbergh himself, not the baby, was the kidnappers' real objective, at the same time trying to discredit the trustworthiness of the Lindbergh household.

The counsel for the defence electrified the court-room with the suggestion that Colonel Lindbergh himself was to have been kidnapped, not the baby.

Colonel Lindbergh spent the morning in the witness-box, including 90 minutes' cross-examination by the defence.

Hauptmann, who was pale and hollow-eyed, kept his eyes fixed on Colonel Lindbergh with a rabbit-like stare.

The counsel for the defence did his utmost to prove that the staff of the Lindbergh household was untrustworthy. Colonel Lindbergh admitted that he did not examine the references of his butler and his wife, also that it would be possible for anyone in the house to remove the baby through the hall without him or his wife seeing.—Reuter.

Voice Recognised

Flemington, Later.

Colonel Lindbergh, giving evidence, said that the voice of the man to whom the ransom of \$50,000 was handed in the Bronx cemetery, New York, was the voice of Hauptmann.—Reuter.

MAYOR OF NANKING
MAY RESIGN

Father's Death Likely
To Cause Decision

Nanking, Yesterday.

Mr. Shi Ying, the Mayor of Nanking, who resumed his duties only a few days ago after a long sick-leave, is likely to resign owing to his father's death, which occurred here last night.—Reuter.

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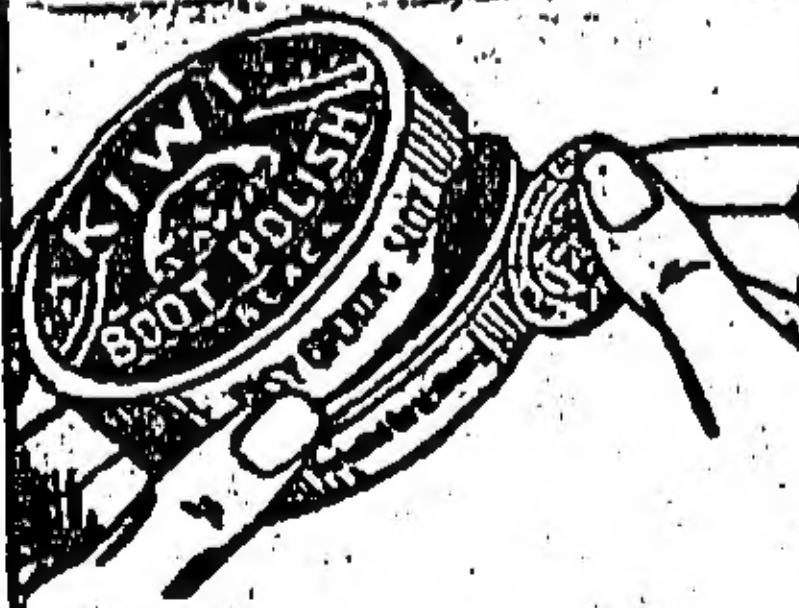
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ON THE CARPET

By REGINALD ARMITT

PARIS in spring. Buds on the plane trees. Laurels in tubs emerging from a winter's care to appear among the marble-topped tables. At one of the tables a young man sits, his hands thrust into his pockets. A black hat aslant casts a shadow over his sallow face. By his elbow there is a little pile of saucers and a half-finished book. A girl looks out from a window of the cafe. Jeanne, the proprietor's daughter, is too young to mingle among the patrons, so a careful father keeps her in the kitchen. A sunbeam finding its way into that dismal hole has enticed her out. She regards the young man, a black figure bowed in despair. Ah! the poor young man, how sad he looks. Jeanne's heart aches—aches because of the sad young man, or because of that stray sunbeam, or because of the ache that is in the heart of spring.

It is not that particular ache, however, which grips the young man. In one of those hands thrust fiercely in his pocket there is a letter from his father demanding his return home. Roger Oldershaw had fled from Bradburn and his father's mill. He was determined to become an artist. His father had grinned unpleasantly and let him go his way. He was to be allowed a year in Paris, and afterwards, if he failed, to return to the mill.

And now it was the mill. He thought of his canvases stacked in his dismal room, faced them honestly, and knew there was no escape. The artist's vision seeks inspiration outside. Impulse from within, impulse from without, both impulses must fuse before art can be born. And he had never found what he sought. Sometimes the pose of the model achieved the harmony he saw in his mind. There were moments of excitement, but they passed, and the painting became a stale exercise like the rest. Paris had failed him—or he had failed Paris. He had come seeking inspiration, seeking the perfect creature to match the vision he had of her. And he had not found her. Paris, the city of romance and beauty, seemed to him nothing but grey streets, drab people, after all, from Bradburn. Better go back.

He turned to his book, when an object was thrust under his nose. "Buy a rug m'sieur?" Anxious Oriental eyes looked out of a yellowish face over the top of the bundle.

A thought crossed the young man's mind. Once in Egypt, in a rug brought by Apollodorus to Caesar, came Cleopatra. Unrolled before him there lay on the rug the ivory loveliness of the queen. The young man smiled sadly.

"Ah, if only such beauty were rapped inside this rug," he murmured dreamily.

The man looked bewildered. "Very fine," he exclaimed softly and unfolded a corner.

Roger shuddered at the gaudy colours, then he smiled. Why not send it home? They had refused his request for money and thought that penniless he would come running to them. The rug would be a gesture. It was horrible. All the better.

"Here you are," he said to the man pushing a note and a card at him. "Take it to this address."

Roger watched him go and wondered if he would see the rug again. No matter. He gulped his book and left the cafe.

Jeanne at the window had been listening. Was he an imbecile to trust that fellow? The man had not gone far. Having seen his client safely out of sight, he sat down at another cafe. Probably he would sell the rug again. Jeanne shrugged and then hearing her mother she slipped from the window.

It was evening before Roger returned to his room. For hours he had brooded about the boulevards and the Quai until twilight had come with a cold wind blowing from the river. Languidly like a black cloak came smothering down on him. The thought of his room, cold and tenanted by those ghastly canvases, filled him with disgust. But where else was he to go? He had not troubled to lock the door. There was nothing but his

paintings, and no one would take them! Warmth met him as he walked in, and he realised with surprise that the stove was lighted. Then in the darkness he became aware that there was someone in the room. He switched on the light.

By the stove a rug was spread, and on it asleep lay a girl. Her legs in black stockings crossed the garish reds and blues of the rug. From the black blouse her neck rose superbly, and one white arm was lost in a tangle of gleaming hair. As he stared at her she stirred and her eyes opened.

"Cleopatra!" he whispered.

With a swift movement she rose.

"I am Jeanne, m'sieur," she said simply.

"Jeanne!" His eyes were alight. They searched her slim figure, polished exquisitely on that riot of a rug. "No!" he cried. "You are Cleopatra and Apollodorus has brought you." He dropped his eyes. "In that rug," he pointed.

She looked down and laughed. It was ridiculous—a tiny rug like that. She stepped off it.

"It's nice," she said, her head on one side.

"Yes," he murmured vaguely.

In his mind a picture was forming—a white figure against the crude colours of the rug. "Cleopatra!" it would be called. The painting would be his masterpiece, his justification. This girl had appeared in time to save him. Bradburn and the mill receded in the distance. Her cool voice interrupted his thoughts.

"M'sieur was foolish," she rebuked him. "The man would have sold it again. I made him bring it."

Of course! The girl must have seen him at the cafe and followed the rug-seller. He glanced about the room. Already it seemed changed. The glow of the stove, the rug—and the girl. He smiled approvingly.

"Then you lighted the stove, placed the rug so, and—waited for me. I'm sorry I have been so long. If I had known. Come, we must have coffee and then we can talk."

"But she was frowning."

"You did wait for me?" he asked gently.

She hesitated.

"M'sieur," she said patiently, "I am Jeanne Peloux—the Restaurant Peloux, you know?"

No, he didn't know. And anyway, what did it matter? Whoever she might be she was the girl he had been searching for.

"I don't care who you are. I am going to paint you, and—"

He put out his hand to touch her, but she shrank away.

"But no, m'sieur!"

"No? Then why have you come?"

She pointed to a table in the corner. On it there was a pile of little saucers, each marked with the price of a drink.

"M'sieur forgot to pay his bill," she said.

THE END.

MAN SURVIVES FALL FROM BEACHY HEAD

Crawled For 14 Hours Before Rescue

Victor Oger, aged 29, of Church End, Finchley, N., was found last month seriously injured on the beach below Beachy Head, over which he had fallen fourteen hours previously. His clothes were torn to shreds.

Oger told his rescuers that he slipped and rolled over the edge of the cliff 300 feet to the bottom, but did not lose consciousness. He crawled about all night in the hope of attracting attention.

He was eventually found by a boy who summoned aid, and Oger was carried along the beach by policemen on a stretcher to Eastbourne Parade and then taken to hospital. It is believed that in addition to other injuries, a thigh is broken.

SADDER BUT WISER

A man at Oxford Bankruptcy Court said that he sold what furniture he had for £50 and "invent-ed it on the turf." He got twelve to one on the horse, but it was beaten by a neck.

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